



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6400

January Session, 2003

**AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF NATURAL GAS
SELLERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-258a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Each person that sells natural gas to an end user in the state and
4 is not (1) a gas company, as defined in section 16-1, (2) a municipal gas
5 utility established under chapter 101 or any other gas utility owned,
6 leased, maintained, operated, managed or controlled by any unit of
7 local government under any general statute or any public or special
8 act, or (3) a gas pipeline or gas transmission company subject to the
9 provisions of chapter 208, shall register with the Department of Public
10 Utility Control prior to making any such sale by filing a form supplied
11 by said department. The registration period shall be for a one-year
12 term from October first to September thirtieth of the following year.

13 (b) Each person registered with the department shall: (1) Maintain a
14 bond or other security for at least the registration period or longer in
15 amount and form approved by the department, to ensure the person's
16 financial responsibility and its supply of natural gas to end-use
17 customers in accordance with contracts, agreements or arrangements;
18 (2) have a contractual relationship with an entity or entities to
19 purchase natural gas supply; (3) comply with the National Labor

20 Relations Act and regulations, if applicable; (4) comply with the
21 Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act and applicable regulations; and
22 (5) agree to cooperate with (A) each gas company, (B) each municipal
23 gas utility established under chapter 101 or any other gas utility
24 owned, leased, maintained, operated, managed or controlled by any
25 unit of local government under any general statute or special act, (C)
26 each gas pipeline or gas transmission company subject to the
27 provisions of chapter 208, (D) the department, and (E) all other gas
28 suppliers in the event of an emergency condition that may jeopardize
29 the safety and reliability of the state's natural gas system.

30 (c) Each person registered with the department shall [, at such times
31 as the department requires but not less than annually,] submit to the
32 department by July fifteenth of each year, on a form prescribed by the
33 department, an update of information the department deems relevant.
34 [A registered person shall notify the department at least ten days
35 before a change in corporate structure that affects the person.] Each
36 registered person shall pay an annual registration fee to be determined
37 by the department which shall not exceed the actual administrative
38 costs of the department and provide a bond or other security as
39 described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section. If the
40 department determines that a person registered with the department
41 has not complied with the requirements of subsection (b) or (c) of this
42 section, the department shall notify such person that their registration
43 expires on September thirtieth of that year and such person shall no
44 longer be authorized to sell natural gas to an end user in the state.

45 (d) A registered person shall notify the department at least ten days
46 before a change in corporate structure that affects the person. No
47 registration may be transferred without the prior approval of the
48 department. The department may assess additional registration fees to
49 pay the administrative costs of reviewing a request for such transfer.

50 (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
51 subject to sanctions by the department in accordance with section 16-
52 41, which may include, but are not limited to, the suspension or

53 revocation of such registration or a prohibition on accepting new
54 customers.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*